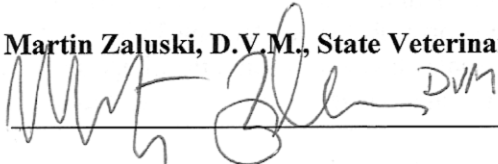


**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK  
ANIMAL HEALTH DIVISION  
OFFICIAL ORDER NO. 07-03-I**

**DATE:** November 16, 2007  
**DATE EFFECTIVE:** November 19, 2007  
**DATE OF BOARD APPROVAL:**  
**SUBJECT:** Importation of Canadian Breeding Cattle and Bison into Montana.  
**STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION:** 81-2-102(1)(d), Montana Code Annotated

**ORDERED BY:** Martin Zaluski, D.V.M., State Veterinarian



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**REVIEWED BY:** Christian Mackay, Executive Officer, Department of Livestock



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**ORDER**

**AS DIRECTED BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MONTANA, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE SET FORTH ABOVE, UNTIL AMENDED BY STATUTE, RULE, OR OFFICIAL ORDER, THE REQUIREMENTS FOR BREEDING CATTLE AND BISON IMPORTED INTO MONTANA FROM CANADA ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

- I. Import permit number** obtained from the Montana Department of Livestock within 10 days prior to entry into Montana
- II. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must be issued by a veterinarian designated by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to include the following:**
  - a. Name, address and phone number of the Montana importer;
  - b. Species, breed, sex, description and number of cattle or bison to be imported
  - c. Birth date: animals must be born after March 1, 1999
  - d. Purpose of the importation
  - e. Individual identification by a method approved by the Montana State Veterinarian and any other identification present on the animal, including registration number and brands
  - f. Address or other means of identifying the premises of origin and any other premises where the bovines resided within 60 days prior to export
  - g. Name, address and phone number of the Canadian exporter
  - h. Port of embarkation in Canada, the mode of transportation and port of entry in the United States
  - i. Issuing veterinarian statement "All of the animals in this shipment have been hot iron branded with CAN on right tail head" – hair brands not accepted

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**III. Brucellosis Requirements:**

- a. Test on all sexually intact animals 18 months of age and older within 30 days prior to import
- b. All females 12 months of age and older must be Official Calfhood Vaccinates as defined in the 9CFR and Administrative Rules of Montana 32.3.212 (1)
- c. Non-vaccinated females less than 12 months of age shall be quarantined upon arrival and must be official calfhood vaccination at owner's expense within 30 days of arrival

**IV. Tuberculosis Requirements:**

- a. On all animals 60 days of age and older except on nursing calves with test negative dams:
  - i. 2 negative tests, 60-120 days apart the second test within 60 days of import

**V. Trichomonas foetus Testing Requirements on all eligible bulls within 30 days of importation:**

- a. Non-virgin bulls 12 months of age and older
- b. Any sexually intact bull 25 months of age and older.
- c. Accepted tests are either: one negative PCR or three negative weekly culture tests.

**Background:**

This order is consistent with Montana's livestock import laws

Tuberculosis is known to exist in Manitoba and has been found in British Columbia in November of 2007, with epidemiological traces to Alberta